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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
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11 Plaintiff,
12 v.
13 MUHAMMAD FAHD,
14 Defendant.

Case No. 2:17-CR-290-RSL

ORDER GRANTING
UNOPPOSED MOTION TO
CONTINUE TRIAL AND
PRETRIAL MOTIONS
DATES

15 This matter comes before the Court on defendant Muhammad Fahd's "Unopposed
16 Motion to Continue Trial and Pretrial Motions Dates." Dkt. #40. Having considered the facts set
17 forth in the motion, and defendant's knowing and voluntary waiver, the Court finds as follows:

18 1. The Court adopts the facts set forth in the unopposed motion; specifically, that
19 defense counsel needs additional time to receive, review, and analyze the voluminous discovery,
20 including pursuant to a protective order that will likely require defendant to review some of the
21 discovery in the presence of counsel, conduct a defense investigation, obtain expert consultants,
22 and evaluate and prepare appropriate pretrial motions. The Court accordingly finds that a failure
23 to grant a continuance would deny counsel, and any potential future counsel, the reasonable time
24 necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence, within the
25 meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv).
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1 2. The Court finds that a failure to grant a continuance would likely result in a
2 miscarriage of justice, as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i).

3 3. The Court finds that the additional time requested between October 7, 2019, and
4 the proposed trial date of October 19, 2020 is a reasonable period of delay, as defense counsel
5 needs additional time to receive, review, and analyze the discovery, conduct an investigation,
6 obtain expert consultants, and evaluate and prepare appropriate pretrial motions. The Court finds
7 that this additional time is necessary to provide defense counsel reasonable time to prepare for
8 trial, considering all the facts set forth above.

9 4. The Court further finds that this continuance would serve the ends of justice, and
10 that these factors outweigh the best interests of the public and defendant in a speedier trial,
11 within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(H)(7)(A).

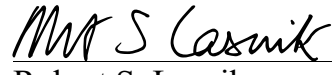
12 5. Defendant has signed a waiver indicating that he has been advised of his right to a
13 speedy trial and that, after consulting with counsel, he has knowingly and voluntarily waived
14 that right and consented to the continuation of his trial to a date up to and including November
15 2, 2020, Dkt. #41, which will permit trial to start on October 19, 2020, per defense counsel's
16 request.

17 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the trial date be continued from October 7, 2019 to
18 October 19, 2020.

19 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pretrial motions deadline be continued to July 23,
20 2020.

21 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the period of time from the current trial date of
22 October 7, 2019, up to and including November 2, 2020, shall be excludable time pursuant to
23 the 18 U.S.C. § 3161, *et seq.* The period of delay attributable to this filing and granting of this
24 motion is excluded for speedy trial purposes pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(h)(1)(D), (h)(7)(A),
25 and (h)(7)(B).

1 DATED this 30th day of August, 2019.

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4 Robert S. Lasnik
5 United States District Judge
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